

July 24, 1862

Martin Van Buren, 8th pres. of the U.S.
died in Kinderhook, N.Y.

June 19, 1862

Slavery was outlawed in
U.S. Territories.

July 12, 1862

Congress authorized the Medal
of Honor.

Apr 29, 1862

New Orleans fell to Union forces
during the Civil War.

Apr. 12, 1862.

Union volunteers led by James J. Andrews stole a Confederate train near Marietta, Ga., but were later caught. This episode inspired the Buster Keaton Comedy "The General."

Apr 7, 1862

Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses
S. Grant defeated the Confederates
at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee

Mar 9, 1862

During the Civil War the Monitor
and the Virginia (formerly the Merrimack)
closed for 5 hours to a draw
at Hampton Roads, Va.

Apr 6, 1862

The civil war Battle of
Shiloh began in Tennessee,

1862

The 2nd Erie Canal was finished
in 1862. Known as the Enlarged
Canal. Followed much the same
course as the 1st Erie Canal.

Feb-16, 1862

During the Civil War, some 14,000
Confederate soldiers surrendered
at Fort Donelson, Tenn. (Union
Ulysses S. Grant's victory
earned him the nickname
"Unconditional Surrender Grant.")

March 1862

Ironclads duelled in Hampton Roads, Virg.
Confederates raised the sunken steam
frigate Merrimack, armored her with
sloping sides of iron, renamed her "Vergenia"
and played havoc with Union shipping.
Monitor steamed down from New York to
give battle. She was smaller & faster
than Vergenia, which outgunned her
ten to two. But the Confederates

nine-inch broadside was ineffective against
the "cheesebox on a raft": solid steel projectiles
that might have holed her were on a Norfolk
dock. The navy would not allow Monitor to
double-charge her guns (two 11-inch naval guns)
15 # of powder could not send shells through
Virginia's plates; 30 # might have.
The World's "Wooden Walls" had crumbled
Monitor's built-a Sweedish - American John
Ericsson designed the rotating turret for her
two 11-in naval guns.

Dec 13, 1862

Union forces suffered a major
defeat to the Confederates at
the Battle of Fredericksburg in
Virginia!

Jan 18, 1862

The 10th Pres of U.S. John Tyler
died in Richmond, Va. at age 71

Dec 31, 1862

Pres. Abraham Lincoln signed
an act admitting West Virginia
to the Union,

May 20, 1862

Homestead Act

U. S. Congress gave 160 acres of unoccupied public land to homesteaders for nominal fee after 5 years of residence.

Sept. 19, 1862

I U K A

The HQ of the Federal Army of Tennessee were at Corinth, Miss.
In Sept the Confederates under Van Dorn and Price appeared in the vicinity and on the 13th Price captured Iuka, a short distance southeast of Corinth. Two detachments led by Rosecrans and Ord were at once sent to

attack Price, but their plans miscarried
and on Sept 19, Price attacked Rosecrans.
After a battle in which the latter
lost some of his artillery and 790
men, Price withdrew.

1862

Electric heavy gun sight
Patented by American inventor
Theodore R. Timby
(1822-1909)
Adopted by U.S. Gov't

1862

Gold was discovered along Grasshopper
Creek in Western Montana.
Boomtowns sprang up.

May 31 - June 1, 1862

Battle of Fair Oaks (Seven Pines)

Union forces reinforced by troops
of Gen. Edwin V. Sumner (Jan 30, 1797 -

Mar. 21, 1863) defeated the
Confederates under Gen. Joseph E.
Johnston (Feb 3, 1807 - Mar 21, 1891)
near Richmond, Va.

Gen. Johnston was badly
wounded.

Dec 13, 1862

Battle of Fredericksburg
Union Army under Gen Ambrose
Burnside (May 23, 1824 - Sep 13, 1881)
suffered overwhelming defeat
by Confederates under Gen
James Longstreet at Fredericksburg,
Va.

Jan 24, 1862

Edith Wharton was
born